

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

In this response, claims 78, 85, and 88 are amended, and claim 87 is cancelled. Claims 78-85, and 88 are in the application for consideration.

Claims 80-84 stand allowed.

In the instant Office Action, claims 87 and 88 were objected to but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim, claims 78, 79, and 85 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,753,548, and claims 86, and 89-90 were withdrawn from consideration.

In this response, claim 78 has been amended to include subject matter indicated to be allowable at claim 87. Claim 78 is now believed to be in condition for allowance. As claims 79, 85, and 88 depend from claim 78, they too are believed to be allowable.

This application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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